

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

May 13, 2013

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

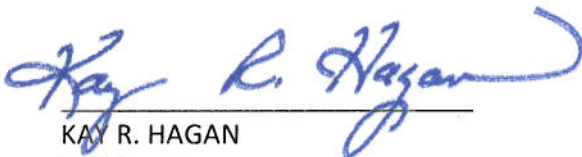
We write to urge the Department of Transportation (DOT) to support a US Airways' application to obtain additional frequencies to ensure service from São Paulo-Guarulhos International Airport (São Paulo) to Charlotte Douglas International Airport (Charlotte) is not disrupted.

As part of an earlier transaction, US Airways leased frequencies from United Airlines that allows it to serve São Paulo on a short-term basis. Service between Charlotte and São Paulo will start on June 8, 2013; however, if US Airways does not receive additional frequencies from the DOT, service will cease on October 25, 2014.


Brazil is the largest nation in South America, and boasts the world's fifth largest economy. Businesses throughout the state are eager to tap into Brazil's economic engine. The City of Charlotte has been successful in cultivating business ties, as it is already home to seven Brazilian businesses. Brazil is also among North Carolina's top trading partners, exchanging more than \$1 billion in goods on an annual basis.

Uninterrupted, nonstop air service connecting Charlotte and São Paulo is important in attracting new business opportunities and travelers from Brazil to North Carolina. We encourage you to support US Airways' application to continue to connect Charlotte and São Paulo. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have further questions.

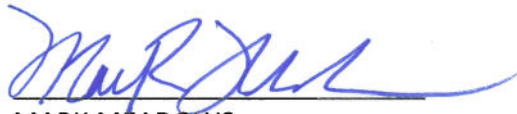
Sincerely,



KAY R. HAGAN
U.S. Senate

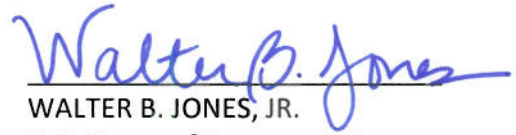


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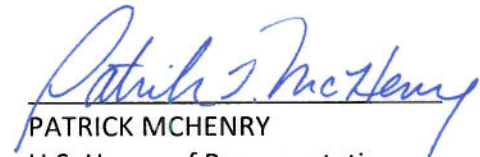
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